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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Matthias WIESNER, et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/539,256 Filed/Issue Date: (Int'l) November 25, 2003

Entitled: ASIMADOLINE DERIVATIVES COMPRISING COVALENTLY BONDED ACIDS

Tioga Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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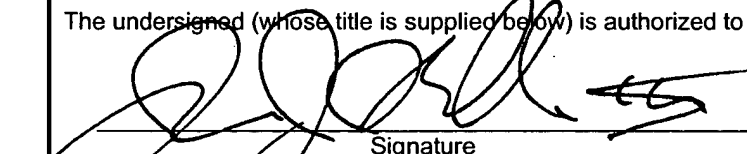
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WHEREAS the below named inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or inventors (if plural inventors are named below) hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNOR invented a certain improvement(s) relating to

DERIVATIVES OF ASIMADOLINE WITH COVALENTLY BONDED ACIDS

- ☐ for which an application for Letters Patent to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office was executed on even date.
- ☐ for which U.S. Application Serial No. _____ for Letters Patent was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on _____
- ☒ for which an International Application was filed on 25 Nov. 2003 as PCT/EP2003/013206, designating the United States.

AND WHEREAS

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hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and application(s), including any and all earlier priority rights (U.S. and foreign), divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof.



NOW, WITNESSETH that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby assigns, sells, and transfers to ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and application(s), including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, and in and to any and all U.S. (including provisional) or foreign priority and/or convention rights or benefits accruing or to accrue with respect to the filing or securing of patents in the United States and/or any countries foreign thereto concerning said invention, SAID ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy said invention and application, including any and all earlier priority rights (U.S. and foreign), divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patent when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, for the use and benefit of ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives, in as ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes as the ASSIGNOR might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if the assignment had not been made.

AND ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute all papers that may be necessary to file applications in the United States and foreign countries for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said applications and securing Letters Patents thereon.

AND ASSIGNOR authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue a Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance herewith.

The undersigned hereby grant(s) the law firm of Millen, White, Zelano & Branigan, P.C. the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF this assignment is executed by ASSIGNOR

201 FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE
Matthias Wiesner		19 April 2005
202 FULL NAME OF SECOND JOINT INVENTOR	INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE
Christoph Seyfried		19 April 2005
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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Merck Patent GmbH on behalf of Merck KGaA (hereinafter referred to as the assignor), both companies organized under the laws of Germany with their principal places of business at Frankfurter Strasse 250, D-64293 Darmstadt, Germany, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, said assignor is the sole and exclusive owner by assignment, of the U.S. Patents and applications for Letters Patent of the United States, PCT applications, and foreign priority applications, the Patent and application serial numbers of which are listed on Exhibits A – H, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Tioga Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at c/o Forward Ventures, 9393 Towne Centre Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, California 92121 (hereinafter referred to as the assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, PCT applications, and foreign priority applications, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and in exchange for the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to be paid by assignee and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignor hereby ratifies and confirms that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents further does sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, for its own use and the use of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the assignor, had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, said assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with said assignee its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, said assignor is the sole and lawful owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and the application for Letters Patent above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered and that said assignor has good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

AND for the same consideration, said assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that said assignor will, whenever

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AND said assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to said assignee as the assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use of said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

Assignor hereby grants to the law firm of Morrison & Foerster the power and authority to insert in this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this assignment.

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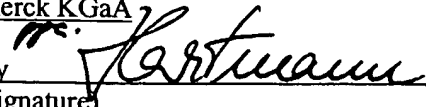
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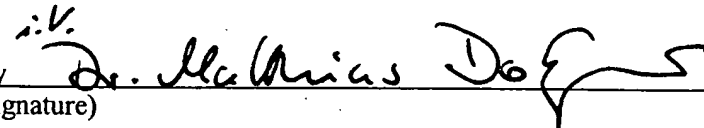
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EXHIBIT G

The patents and applications that are being assigned from Merck Patent GmbH to Tioga Pharmaceuticals, Inc. are:

Application No.	Patent No.	Filing Date	Title
USSN 10/539,256	Pending	June 16, 2005	ASIMADOLINE DERIVATIVES COMPRISING COVALENTLY BONDED ACIDS
PCT/EP2003/013206	----	November 25, 2003	ASIMADOLINE DERIVATIVES COMPRISING COVALENTLY BONDED ACIDS
DE 102 59 245.4	----	December 17, 2002	